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SUBJ: COMPLIANCE RE ORT ON THE INSPECTION OF JUNE 1977, NO. 9.5

REF: MR. SIMCOX'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 17, 1977

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITED RECOMMENDATIONS REFERENCED SUBJECT,
THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN:

- 1.- 9.5-2 THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER HAS CONSISTENTLY WELCOMED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN LINES OF DELEGATION. AS SUBORDINATE
OFFICERS HAVE GAINED IN EXPERIENCE, THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN
GREATER FREEDOM OF ACTION, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE
THEIR CAPABILITIES.
- 2.- 9.5-5 DURING OCTOBER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT FROM THE
CONSUL GENERAL AT MEXICO CITY, A STUDY WAS MADE AND CHANGES
WERE INSTITUTED TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL SEATING SPACE FOR NIV APPLICANTS. THE RECEPTION
INTAKE HAS BEEN UNIFIED, TOGETHER WITH THE NIV FILES AND
EQUIPMENT, AND THE COUNTER HAS BEEN ALTERED TO PROVIDE
GREATER PRIVACY. SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO GUIDE
VISITORS.

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- 3.- 9.5-6 EMBASSY HAS CONDUCTED A STUDY OF THIS RECOMMENDATION,
AND THEY EXPECT THAT BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR WILL BE TRANSFERRED
PERMANENTLY TO TIJUANA IN 1978.

- 4.- 9.5-7 THE CONSULATE CONTINUES TO CONDUCT MONTHLY AND
QUARTERLY REVIEWS OF THE NIV APPLICATION RATE RELATIVE TO
REFUSALS. RESULTS ARE BEING REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY, AND

PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT MAZATLAN'S REFUSAL RATE IS IN BALANCE.

5.- 9.5-9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WILL VISIT EMBASSY GSO ON CONSULTATION IN JANUARY 1978.

6.- 9.5-10 JANITOR PLACED UNDER CONTRACT BY EMBASSY, NOVEMBER 14, 1977.

7.- 9.5-11 CONSULATE MAZATLAN HAS DEVELOPED WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR WORKING AND REPORTING OF OVERTIME. PAST CLAIMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

8.- 9.5-12 RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

9.- 9.5-13 SAFE HAS BEEN REQUISITIONED FROM THE U.S. THROUGH EMBASSY AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN 1978.

10.- 9.5-14 RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

11.- 9.5-15 EMBASSY IN 1976 REQUESTED CHANGE IN COUNTRY-WIDE CYCLE, PARTICULARLY FOR POSTS SUCH AS MAZATLAN. INSTEAD, THE FORMER FIVE YEAR CYCLE WAS EXTENDED TO SIX YEARS. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY FROM WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES ENDEAVORS TO ROTATE VEHICLES EVERY THIRD YEAR.

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12.- 9.5-17 PROPERTY INVENTORY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL HENCEFORTH BE KEPT CURRENT.

13.- 9.5-18 RESPONSIBILITY IS JOINTLY SHARED BY TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS AND ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE.

14.- 9.5-19 EMBASSY SECURITY SPECIALIST HAS REVIEWED SPECIFICATIONS, AND APPROPRIATE SECURITY MODIFICATIONS ARE BEING MADE.

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